## S.B. 157

## MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER FRANCHISE AMENDMENTS

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Senator Curtis S. Bramble proposes the following amendments:

- 1. Page 2, Line 54:
  - (g) "Reinstated franchisee" means a covered franchisee
    - (i) whose franchise became a terminated franchise with less than 90 days notice prior to termination; and
      - (ii) that becomes entitled to a
- 2. Page 3, Lines 71 through 72:
  - 71 \{\(\frac{\cappa}{\cappa}\) A reinstated franchisee may resume operating as a franchisee under a reinstated
  - 72 <u>franchise upon the issuance of a reinstatement order.</u>}
- 3. Page 3, Line 75:
  - 75 (1) A franchisee has a private right of action for actual damages and {an} reasonable attorney {fee}
- 4. Page 3, Line 82:
  - {<u>an</u>} <u>reasonable</u>
  - 82 <u>attorney</u> {-fee-} <u>fees</u> <u>against a new franchisor</u> {-for any action of the new franchisor that-} <u>if:</u>
    (i) the new franchisor:
    - (A) establishes a new franchisee of the same line-make as a line-make of the reinstated franchisee within the relevant market area of the reinstated franchisee; or
    - (B) adds a line-make to another franchisor's existing franchisee within the relevant market area of the reinstated franchisee that is the same line-make as a line-make of the reinstated franchisee; and

      (ii) the franchisor's action under Subsection (2)(b)(i) causes a
- 5. Page 3, Line 83:
  - 83 substantial diminution in value of the reinstated franchisee's reinstated franchise.
    - (c) A new franchisor may not be held liable under Subsection (2)(b) based on a franchisee's purchase of another franchise, both of which are within the relevant market area of a reinstated franchisee, for the purpose of combining the purchased franchise with the franchise of the purchasing franchisee.